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1. Chlorine is being produced at the Pet nitrogen works by electrolysis of common salt. Aside from chlorine gas, sodium hydroxide (NaOH), an important material used in the production of aluminum, is also obtained. In the salt-peter works, ammonium, potassium, and sodium nitrate are produced. The petroleum refinery produces an average of 12,000 tons of "Lispe" crude oil a month. In addition, gasoline production continues at a rate of approximately 2,000 tons a month. The number of workers is 2,500.
2. The chief product of the Nitrochemistry Industrial Establishment (Nitrokemia Iparteledek) is smokeless guncotton (nitrocellulose). A total of 300 tons a month is produced. Nitrocellulose is used for lacquer production and as an explosive in mining. Nitroglycerine and dynamite are also important products. The monthly production of dynamite is 500 tons. Thirty engineers supervise the work of 2,000 workers in the factory. The top management of the factory is entirely new.
3. The chief products of the industrial explosives plant were mining explosives, industrial fuses, and combustible cards (sic). At present, the plant is concentrating on war materials and the production of "combustible cards". A total of 500 tons of explosives is produced a month. The plant employs 1,100 workers.
4. The reconstructed Papkeszi Mercur war gas plant was greatly expanded. It produces blister and irritation gases and flame-thrower fuel. The number of workers employed is 300.

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